

POETRY.

My Mother's Miniature.

BY ISA E. JENNINS.

Faint picture, far more dear to me
Than all the treasures earth can give
Since she, my all, hath ceased to be,
For whom it was my life to live.

Here I behold that faded cheek,
The calm, smooth brow and flowing hair,
The lips that spoke in tones so meek,
And breathed to heaven their fervent prayer,

Oh, she who ceaseless vigils kept
About my path in faded years,
And o'er my waywardness hath wept
Now soars beyond this vale of tears.

Yes, she who sought my heart to mould
For brighter climes and purer skies,
Now dwells where countless suns hath rolled,
Unmarked by years or centuries.

Yon moon, whose track the milky way,
Whose light still glimmers on the wave,
Through months hath cast its mellow ray
Upon her lone and dreary grave.

Thou sweet memento of the past,
A priceless treasure now thou art;
Through years to come, while life shall last,
I'll keep and wear the next my heart.

AGRICULTURAL.

Iowa State Fair.

A correspondent of the Missouri Democrat, gives the following account of the Iowa State Fair, held recently in Muscatine, in that State:

"The third annual exhibition of the Iowa State Fair, closed here this afternoon (Oct. 10th.) after three days' continuance, during which time it has been largely attended. The town has been overflowing with guests from all parts of the State, and many even from Illinois and Missouri. The grounds are eligibly situated about two miles from the city, and contain ample accommodations for the animals exhibited. A State Fair should be a permanent institution, to be held in the same place each year, and preparations made accordingly.

STOCK AND HORSES.

There was a large collection of very fair stock exhibited but little strictly choice. Carelessness was noticeable throughout, and were disposed to attribute the defect more to the mode of keeping, than inferiority of breeds. The farmers of Iowa have not given sufficient attention, we fear, to the manner of feeding and raising stock—in brief, do not as a class, fully appreciate the advantages of high-toned agricultural periodicals, and works on that subject. Exceptions can, of course, be found, and these few exceptions, do more good in the community, than ten dozen old-fashioned farmers, who will neither make improvements themselves, nor adopt those of others.

We noticed some good specimens of sheep, and judge well of Iowa as a wool-growing State, from those shown. There was also a good display of swine.

The display of horses was really very excellent, and some few of rare beauty were shown, which we regret our inability to notice separately and individually. To partially report would do greater injustice, than to deal generally as we are reluctantly compelled to do.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

There were beautiful and numerous varieties of apples, which we do not remember to have seen exceeded in quality, and rarely in quantity at a fair. A specimen of Rhubarb plant from Wisconsin was thirteen inches in circumference and weighed eight and one-half pounds.

Beets, Pumpkins, Radishes, Turnips, Squashes, and Potatoes exceeded in size the bounds of reason and almost of credence, and proves conclusively that Iowa is some pumpkins in the vegetable business.

DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES.

The display here was laboring under moderate "goneness" and was not very extensive, though some of the articles were very creditable.

Some white flannel would do credit to some of those ingenious and busy dames who preceded us by a half century. Some fancy needle-work showed great taste and skill, a scarf richly embroidered especially. Also, some worked handkerchiefs were very neatly executed. Some yarn stockings showed that home industry was yet popular in Iowa, and so long as it is we have hopes of her permanency and presume she will not be "dissolved."

The lady who made her husband a fine shirt did not exhibit it, but the knit companions were there implying that the maker was industrious. The patch-work quilt business was happily represented, but it is a business only fit for little girls and folks who haven't anything to do. My dear creatures—we are now supposed to be speaking to the ladies—refrain to inflict such tasteless objects upon a world sufficiently sinful—we assure you seriously is far prettier than the most intricate piecing; while a plain white, buff or drab ground will gratify your insatiable disposition to "quilt," and afford a much neater counterpane.

The Berlin wool work was amply exhibited. Knit collars and tidys showed taste, besides a large variety of articles which we have no space to enumerate.

MACHINERY AND IMPLEMENTS.

G. G. Mahon, of Muscatine, had a very large and fine display of hardware, cutlery, pianos and other musical instruments, tools and agricultural implements, much the largest and best shown by any one person on the ground. He also exhibited put up specimens of wire fencing, which elicited an unusual degree of commendation.

We cannot but think this article destined to supersede boards or rails for the purpose intended, and while we yield our preference to the Osage orange hedge we bespeak for wire at least an impartial trial.

Messrs. Emery & Brothers, of the Agricultural works, Chicago, done some excellent work with their threshing and separator, and we observed afforded general satisfaction with their horse powers.

The corn and cob mills were represented by the "Little Giant," (which seems ubiquitous,) the "Star" and "Excelsior Young America," and an interesting contest took place for the set of silver tea service which had been placed at the disposal of the society, by James B. Chadwick, of your city, to be awarded to the best mill. The committee determined upon twenty revolutions each for the mills, when they performed as follows: The Little Giant ground one and three-fourths bushels, the Star less than three-fourths of one bushel, and the Excelsior Young America seven-eighths of one bushel of meal in the time. The committee unanimously decided in favor of the Little Giant and awarded the silver service accordingly.

R. Spencer, of Burlington, had on the ground a threshing machine which was not tested in consequence of an accident arising from defective blacksmithing.

Messrs. Landreth & Jarvis, of Peoria, Ill., exhibited a corn-sheller, (Reading's patent,) which astonished and pleased by the rapidity of its performance. It is for two or four horses, and can be made to shell two hundred and fifty bushels per hour.

Mr. Hodges of Cincinnati, though nearly killed by an accident at the Kentucky Fair, at Paris a few days since, had a special resurrection for the purpose of exhibiting the "Crescent Grain Mill," manufactured by Scott and Hodges, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Crescent received first award over the "Feton"—another similar portable iron flouring, though a much more expensive mill than the Crescent. J. P. Smith showed a Rough & Ready corn sheller, which did a moderate amount of work with a moderate amount of "hand" power. H. C. Houts & Co., of St. Louis, a patent wire cloth smut machine. Geo. Kelly, of Wisconsin, an ingenious contrivance for equalizing the draft of horses on a threshing machine, which seemed well adapted to the purpose. N. B. Grube, of Burlington, had a churn, but we detect that species of contrivance from the too vivid remembrance of our boyhood.

SUNDRIES.

C. P. Lure & Co., of Davenport, showed fine specimens of blank books. L. Newton, of Batavia, Ill., specimens of wagons and carriages, the grace of model and beautiful finish of which would do credit to any manufacturer, either east or west. Faxon, Norton & Co., fine furniture, much admired. Belt & Wilson, of Muscatine, some superb harness. Geo. Roberts & Co., fine saddles and harness. S. Ketchum & W. H. Stearns, of Muscatine, fine display of boots and shoes. S. B. Clasher ambrotypes; were fine specimens of that art. Numerous jars of pickles produced, on our sleep, the effect of an attack of mania potu. They consisted of snakes, lizards, toads and creeping things generally. If every housekeeper would pickle a few the present season, or accept a few from the nameless wretch who exhibited at Muscatine, we think that class of condiments would not need any immediate replenishing, and make the suggestion accordingly. D. Dorwart, of Linn Co., exhibited some beautiful Chinese fowls, called Silkeys, which we fervently hope and pray may fall upon and exterminate every long-legged Shanghai in the world.

The proceedings closed with an address, preceded by a display of female equestrianism, more creditable in point of execution than conception. We cannot separate such public displays from circuses, and would suggest that they be confined there instead of appearing in the crowded amphitheater of the Agricultural Fair. We have the same fault in regard to the excessive trotting matches, which was a fault at Muscatine and at Alton.

About Bugs, Flies, Moths, and Snakes.

Professor Kirtland, in the columns of the Ohio Farmer says:

It seems to be an established law in nature, that when any species of the animal kingdom becomes inconveniently or inordinately numerous, Providence provides a check or balance, usually in the form of a devouring enemy.

The Hessian fly threatened to exterminate the wheat plant fifty years since, yet it is not only kept in check by not less than three or four minute parasites, but they may ultimately extinguish the race.

The bee-moth has nearly ruined our stocks of bees. Five years since we discovered the small house-wren engaged in picking out the larva of that insect from a crevice in the bee-hive. From that hint we proceeded to encourage the visits and increase of this bird, by calling into requisition old oyster-cans and empty boxes, and placing them in position to invite the wrens. At this time the injurious moth is evidently reduced in numbers, while our grounds are cheered by many of these inquisitive and active birds. Man is prone to destroy most of the agents which superior wisdom has provided to counteract the depredating insects. Birds and reptiles are often among our best means of defense; yet the crow, blackbird, and wood-pecker are mercilessly destroyed. The harmless garter-snake devours daily hundreds of insects. A large toad has taken his position under a myrtle bordering his veranda bed, and each evening sallies forth and captures from twelve to twenty of the sphynxes, or lady-bird millers, which at that hour visit the verberna flower.

The millers lay the eggs from which the tomato or potato worm is produced. This despised reptile probably destroys each evening the rudiments of some thousands of worms that injure two important esculent plants.

We should study the history of these humble parts of creation, and learn to protect, encourage, and apply to use such as were provided for that purpose. An enemy to the curculio and the codling-moth may yet be discovered among them.

Encouragement is also to be taken from the fact, that when any species of the animal kingdom becomes thus numerous, they are apt to rapidly disappear from the operation of causes not always discovered or understood. A few years since a species of grasshopper began to increase beyond its usual number. At the end of the third season it was so numerous, in many localities in this county, that it first devoured every kind of green vegetation; next it ate off the down from the surface of old ralls, and at length each individual, Killeney-like, attacked the legs and wings of its neighbor. "In this predicament they all died, and at this day very limited numbers are to be found.

The rose-bug, potato-bug, and slug have each had its periods of increase, excess, and disappearance, in this vicinity, during the last ten years. The wheat-weevil is now increasing and spreading over this country, yet it is probable some counteracting agent will sooner or later appear to arrest its progress.

With these facts before us, we say to our horticulturists; Be not discouraged; but persevere.

A Wrinkle about the Age of Horses.

A few days ago we met a gentleman from Alabama, who gave us a piece of information in regard to ascertaining the age of a horse after he or she has passed the ninth year, which was new to us, and will be, we are sure, to most of our readers. It is this, after the horse is nine years old, a wrinkle comes at the upper corner of the lower lid, and every year thereafter he has one well defined wrinkle for each year over nine. If, for instance, a horse has three wrinkles, he is twelve; if four he is thirteen. Add the number of wrinkles to nine, and you will always get it. So says the gentleman and he is confident it will never fail. As a good many people have horses over nine it is easily tried. If true the horse dentist must give up his trade. [S. Planter.

An Editor in the Field.

At the Agricultural Fair, held at White Plains, Westchester county, N. Y., last week, A. P. Cummings, Esq., the agricultural editor of the New York Observer, and one of its proprietors, carried off the first premium for the best pair of working oxen, the first for the best Durham bull, the first for the best Suffolk boar, the first for the best mare and colt, the first for the best pair of turkeys, and the best pair of hybrid ducks and the best pair of black ducks.

The prize crop of Indian Corn in the State of Ohio, for 1855, was one hundred and sixty-two bushels per acre.

VALUABLE RECEIPTS.

To Clean the Face of Soft Mahogany, or other Porous Wood.

After scraping and sand-papering in the usual manner, take a sponge and well wet the surface to raise the grain; then take a piece of pumice stone, free from stony particles, and cut the way of the fibres; rub the wood in the direction of the grain, keeping it moist with water; let the work dry; then if you wet it again you will find the grain much smoother, and it will not raise so much; repeat the process, and you will find the surface perfectly smooth, and the texture of the wood much hardened; by this means, common soft Honduras mahogany will have a face equal to fine Hispaniola. If this does not succeed to your satisfaction, you may improve the surface, by using the pumice-stone with cold-drawn linseed oil, in the same manner as you proceed with water; this will be found to put a most beautiful as well as durable face to your work, which may then be polished or varnished.

To Braise Chicken.

Bone the chickens, stuff them with forcement, place in the stewpan the bones and trimmings, lay the chicken upon them with a braise of fine herbs, onions, mace whole, some thin slices of bacon, about three parts of a pint of stock, or if that is not handy, water, and two glasses of sherry; the bacon should be added last. Cover close, and stew for two hours. Then take out the chickens, strain the braise, remove the fat, and boil the braise rapidly in a glaze; point it over the chickens with a brush, while the braise is being boiled; brown the chickens before the fire, it adds to their appearance. When glazed, fowls may be braised in the same manner.

To Make Tomato Wine.

Take small, ripe tomatoes, pick off the stems, put them into a basket or tub, wash clean, then wash well, and strain through a linen rag, (a bushel will make five gallons pure,) then add two and a half to three pounds of brown sugar to each gallon; then put into a cask, and ferment and fine as for raspberry wine. If two gallons of water be added to each bushel of tomatoes, the wine will be as good.

Useful Receipt.

The Journal de Saint Quintin publishes a receipt for curing cattle of the fermentation produced in their stomachs from eating clover and other green food. The remedy is a spoonful of ammonia, dissolved in a glass of water, and administered to the animal. The cure, it states, takes place within an hour.

OMAHA ADVERTISEMENTS.

C. A. Henry & Co.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUG-GISTS, AT THE NEBRASKA DRUG STORE, Omaha city, Nebraska, have on hand and are constantly receiving a large and complete assortment of Drugs, Chemicals, Patent Medicines, Eye Drops, Liquors, Sarsaparilla, Perfumery, Confectionaries, &c., &c. Physicians' orders filled on a small advance on cost. 1-1f

ANDREW J. POPPLETON. WILLIAM S. BYERS.

Poppleton & Byers,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW, AND GENERAL LAND AGENTS, Omaha city, Nebraska. Land Warrants bought and sold. Land Entered on Time. Special attention given to the selection and entry of Lands for Settlers, and all others desiring choice locations. Land Claims, Town lots and all kinds of Real Estate, bought and sold and investments made for Distant Dealers.

A Competent Surveyor and Draughtsman always in readiness to survey lands, find and select Lands and Town lots, and draft City Plans 1-1f

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CHARLES D. GREEN AND RICHARD KIMBALL, Having purchased this well known and popular Saloon, in Omaha city, would respectfully inform the public, that they are now prepared to furnish their customers, at all hours, with HOT MEALS, OYSTERS, SARDINES, PIGS FEET, PICKLED TONGUE, GAME, and other

REFRESHMENTS. Comprising all the Delicacies of the season. Come, that hunger and thirst—Come to the APEX and ye shall be filled. 1-1f GREEN & KIMBALL.

GLENWOOD ADVERTISEMENTS.

Tootle & Greene,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS, Glenwood, Iowa. We beg leave to call the attention of the Good People of Mills, Pottawattamie, Montgomery and Cass counties, Iowa; also, Douglas and Cass counties, Nebraska, to our stock of Groceries in large and complete, having been bought and shipped a little lower than our neighbors. Our stock of Hardware, Queensware, Wood-ware, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps and Ready-Made Clothing, have all been purchased in the Eastern cities, at the lowest cash prices. Give us a call before you purchase, and if we do not sell you cheap goods, we will make our neighbors do so.

Remember the cheapest house in town. TOOTLE & GREENE. Glenwood, Iowa, Oct. 23, 1856.—1-1f

Nuckolls & Co.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL STORE, Glenwood, Mills Co., Iowa. The undersigned beg leave to call the attention of the People of Mills and adjoining Counties to the fact that they are in receipt of their

FALL AND WINTER GOODS, Which for price and durability are unsurpassed in Western Iowa, which in addition to our Summer stock of GROCERIES, &c., on hand, makes it one of the most desirable stocks of GOODS in the Western Country. Glenwood, Iowa, Oct. 23, 1856.—1-1f

ST. MARY ADVERTISEMENTS.

P. A. SARP,
Wholesale & Retail Merchant, CORNER OF MAIN AND GREGORY STREETS, ST. MARY, IOWA.

HAS just received and now has for sale, a large assortment of selected merchandise adapted to the wants of all in this new and thriving community, which he can sell as cheap as can be offered elsewhere, and high upon the Missouri river. His goods have been selected by an experienced purchaser, with special reference to the circumstances and wants of all classes of settlers in a new country. Ladies and gentlemen, children and youth, all can be supplied. Call and see for yourselves. His stock consists of the following, among a great many other articles he cannot now enumerate: Among his

Dry Goods,
May be found Woolen and Satinet Cloths, Cassimeres, Tweeds, Cashmeres, Linseys, Flannel, Red, White, Gray and Blue, Caspian, Flannel, Cotton Goods, Shootings and Shirtings, Bleached and Unbleached, Blue and White, Drillings, Onaburg, Bed-Ticking, Hickory Checks, &c., &c.

Fancy Goods,
A beautiful assortment of fancy prints of every variety of style and pattern, Ginghams, Lawns, Figured Alpaca, Bombazines, Bombayettes, Shawls, Scarfs Handkerchiefs, Neck-erchiefs, Crapes, Muslin, Edgings, Ribbons, &c., &c.

Clothing.
A well selected stock of Summer, Fall and Winter Clothing, consisting in part of fine Dress Coats, Pants and Vests; also, good Summer Clothing of all descriptions, and heavy Clothing for Fall and Winter use. Also, Shirts, Knit Flannel Drawers and Undershirts, Socks, &c. Men's and Boys' Hats and Caps, of various fashions, qualities and prices. Boots & Shoes, thick and thin, polished and unpolished, of every description, for Men, Women, and Children's use.

Groceries.
Crushed, Clarified, Leaf and Brown Sugar, Molasses, Syrup Molasses, Golden Syrup, Superior Tea, Rio and Java Coffee, Sassafras, Ginger, Pepper, Cloves, Spice, Cinnamon, ground Ginger, Nutmegs, Snuffs, Tobacco, Cigars, Pipes, Soap, Candles, Vinegar, Pickles, Pepper-Sauce, &c., &c.

Provisions.
A large assortment of Flour, of various qualities and prices; Corn Meal and all the various products of the Farm and Garden; Bacon, Fish, Kid, dried Apples, Peaches, Currants, Raisins, &c.

Hardware.
Stoves of various patterns, for Cooking and Heating rooms, Saws, Axes, Axes, large and small Iron Kettles, Fryng Pans, Skillets, Hand-Irons, Shovels and Tongues, Manure and Hay Forks, Scythes, Shovels and Spades, Log and Trace Chains, Axes, Hammers, Pincers, Iron and Steel Nails, Horse-Rasps, Files, Saws, Knives and Forks, Pocket Knives, Razors, Butts and Screws, Door Handles, Knobs Locks, &c., &c.

Tinware.
A general assortment kept for household purposes.

Woodware.
Wash-tubs, Shakers Pails, Wood and Zinc Washboards.

Leather.
Sole Leather, Harness Leather, Cowhide, Kip Skins, Calf Skins, Linings and Morocco, Saddles, Bridles, Halters, Lariats, Circinques, Belly-bands, Driving-lines, Collars, Back-straps, Girths, Blind-bridles, &c., &c.

Medicines.
A general assortment of Medicines, for Fevers, Fever and Ague, and the common complaints of the country. Cook's, Lee's, Sapponyton's, Bragg's and Jaynes' Pills, Quinine, Tonics, and various kinds of Stimulants, Anodynes, Liniments, and other articles necessary for the sick and the invalid. 1-1f

COUNCIL BLUFFS ADVERTISEMENTS.

Tootle & Jackson,
FORWARDING & COMMISSION MERCHANTS, Council Bluffs city, Iowa. Having a Large and Commodious Warehouse on the Levee at the Council Bluffs landing, are now prepared to receive and store, all kinds of merchandise and produce, will receive and pay charges on all kinds of freights so that Steam Boats will not be detained as they have been heretofore, in getting some one to receive freight, when the consignees are absent. REFERENCES: Livermore & Cooley, S. C. Davis & Co. and Humphrey, Paul & Tolly, C. Louis, Mo.; Tootle & Fairleigh, St. Joseph, Mo.; J. S. Chenoweth & Co., Cincinnati Ohio; W. F. Coulbough, Burlington, Iowa. 1-1f

Greene, Weare & Benton,
BANKERS, DEALERS IN EXCHANGE, and Land Agents, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Notes and Bills collected, and remitted to any part of the United States. Money received on deposit, and interest allowed. Eastern or Southern Drafts furnished in sums to suit purchasers. Land Office funds paid for Currency or bills of Exchange. Loans effected on good security. Taxes paid, titles examined, and Real Estate bought and sold on Commission. Lands entered for settlers and time given for payment. Office opposite the Pacific House, in west lower room of Land Office.

REFERENCES: F. S. Jessup & Co.; W. J. Barney & Co., Bankers, Dubuque, Iowa; Cook & Sargent, Bankers, Davenport, Iowa; Culbertson & Reno, Bankers, Iowa City, Iowa; People's Bank, New York City; Ketchum, Rogers & Bennett, Bankers, New York City; Selken, Withers & Co., Washington, D. C.; Hon. Chas. Mason, Com. of Patents, W. C. Kingston, D. C.; Hon. A. C. Dodge, S. U. S. Burlington, Iowa; Hon. G. W. Jones, S. U. S. Dubuque, Iowa; Hon. Joseph Williams, Chief Justice, Muscatine, Iowa. Council Bluffs, Oct. 23, 1856.—1-1f

BELLEVUE ADVERTISEMENTS.

SPLENDID GOODS, AT THE VARIETY STORE OF H. VALE.

THE Subscriber having just opened at his store in Bellevue, a fresh supply of goods, of every description, would call the attention of purchasers, to the fact, that he has the largest and best selected stock of Goods, to be found in Nebraska, and that they will find him supplied at all times, with

SILKS, MILLINERY & DRY GOODS, SATINS, GROCERIES, LIQUORS, SHOT, LEAD, HARDWARE, BOOTS, SHOES, &c., &c. All of which has been selected by himself from the best establishments in the country, and which he will sell lower for cash, than the same quality of goods can be purchased at, in any store in this section of country.

He has also, a large and well selected stock of READY-MADE CLOTHING.

Of every description, best quality and finish, and inferior to none in Nebraska.

Thankful for past favors, he solicits a continuance of public patronage, and hopes that purchasers will call and examine his goods, before buying elsewhere. H. VALE. Bellevue, Oct. 23, 1856.—1-1f

HOUSE CARPENTERS AND JOINERS.

WE would respectfully inform the inhabitants of Bellevue and vicinity, that we are prepared to ERECT and FINISH Buildings of all Descriptions. On the shortest notice, and in the most workmanlike manner. Having been engaged in the business several years, we feel confident in stating, that all who favor us with their custom, will be pleased with our work.

WEST & STOOBS. Bellevue, Oct. 23, 1856.—1-1f

BELLEVUE SALOON.

THE Proprietor of the above Saloon, takes great pleasure in announcing to the public, that he is now prepared to serve at all hours, and in the best manner.

WARM OR COLD MEALS, OYSTERS, COOKED IN EVERY STYLE. SARDINES, PIGS FEET, PICKLED TONGUE, BOILED EGGS AND GAME IN SEASON. Together with every thing that is usually found in a FIRST CLASS

Refreshment Saloon. Having had considerable experience in catering for the public taste, he is sure that all who favor him with a call, will be satisfied.

CHARLES JOHNSON. Bellevue, Oct. 23, 1856.—1-1f

BLACKSMITHING.

THE Undersigned beg leave to inform the inhabitants of Douglas county, that they are prepared, to do all work in their line of business, in the best manner, and on the most liberal terms, at their shop in Bellevue.

Having had several years experience at HORSE-SHOING, in some of the best shops in Eastern Cities, they will be able to give entire satisfaction, to all who favor them with their patronage, in this line.

SHAW & KETON. Bellevue, Oct. 23, 1856.—1-1f

I CAME TO STAY.

The undersigned would respectfully announce to the citizens of Bellevue and vicinity, that he is prepared to do

HOUSE, SIGN AND ORNAMENTAL PAINTING, GRADING, MARBLEING, &c., in all its various branches.

PAPER HANGING

Executed in the neatest style.

Paints mixed to order, and for sale. Oct. 14, 1 J. T. WHITE.

NEW ARRIVALS AT THE CHEAP CASH STORE.

THE Subscriber respectfully invites the attention of purchasers, to his large and splendid stock of Goods, consisting of DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, HARDWARE, HATS, BOOTS, CAPS, SHOES, TOBACCO, PATENT MEDICINES, &c., &c. All of which he warrants of the best description, and bought expressly for this market. He has also a well selected stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING, Made after the LATEST FASHIONS, of the BEST MATERIALS, and by EXPERIENCED WORKMEN, all of which he sells

CHEAP FOR CASH. JOHN CHASE. Bellevue, Oct. 23, 1856.—1-1f

VARIETY.

"Heads."

A somewhat consequential but evidently verdant individual approached one of the delivery windows, at the Post Office, a short time since, and addressing the clerk then and there on duty, said— "Do you keep heads here?" "Heads?" answered the clerk. "Yes, heads," was the reply. "Oh," responded the clerk, "you mean stamps?"

A stamp was produced and closely examined by the 'outsider.' "How much for this?" asked he. "Three cents."

"Suppose I take a hundred—can you not let me have them cheaper?" "No, not if you take a million."

"Then give me a dozen or so, for a sample, and if I like them I will purchase a quantity." The clerk entered into an explanation of the nature and value of postage stamps, showing that it was impossible for him to abate their price or give them away—when the fellow turned upon his heel and departed, 'breathing threatenings and slaughter' against an establishment that was 'too stingy to throw off,' or give samples.

"I don't care so much about the bugs," said Mr. Wormley to the head of the genteel private family in which he resides, "but the fact is, marm, I hain't got the blood to spare; you see that yourself."

PEDAGOGUE.—First little boy, what is your name.

LITTLE BOY.—Julie.

PEDAGOGUE.—Oh, no; your name is Julius. Next little boy, what is yours?

SECOND BOY.—My name is Billious.

A Western editor on entering his office, and seeing his apprentice boy cutting some queer capers, called out to him, "Jim, what are you doing on the floor?"

"Why, sir, I have had a shock?"

"A shock?"

"Yes, sir."

"What kind of a shock?"

"Why, sir," said the lad, gasping, "one of your subscribers came in during your absence, said he owed for two years subscription, paid it, and also paid another year in advance."

"In advance?" gasped the editor, nearly as much overcome as his lone apprentice.

"Yes, sir, and it has produced such an effect upon me, that I have been perfectly helpless ever since."

"And well you may, Jim. But, get up; if you survive this, you are safe, as there is little prospect of another such catastrophe in this office."

A youngster, not quite three years old, said to his sister, while munching gingerbread, "Sis, take half of this cake to keep till afternoon, when I get cross."

GUESSING TIME.—It is recorded of a minister, in the early settlement of this country, that he broke off in the midst of a sermon and exclaimed:

"I guess you are all asleep, ain't ye?"